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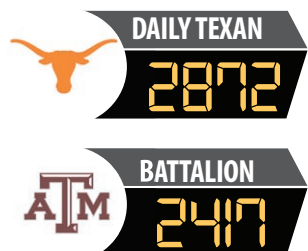
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THE WEEK AHEAD

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MONDAY

Short film series

A series of short independent films and their filmmakers will be showcased at ND at 501 Studios. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and there will be free beer for the first hour and a live Q&A after.

TUESDAY

Artic Monkeys with Young Buffalo

The alternative-rock band will perform at Stubb's at 9 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$28.

WEDNESDAY

Blues on the Green

Austin's longest-running free music series will feature Old 97's with Suzanna Choffel at Zilker Park. Blankets, lawn chairs and dogs on leashes are all welcome.

THURSDAY

'Red Hot Patriot'

Local columnist and best-selling author Molly Ivins debuts her new play at ZACH Austin Theatre.

Today in history

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The first Six Flags amusement park opened in Dallas, Texas.



Quote to note

"Any time you can go through some adversity and come out clean on the other side, it's going to make you a better person and player."

— **Blake Gideon**
Senior safety

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Subsidized loans may see less funding to save Pell Grants

By **Huma Munir**
Daily Texan Staff

Congress is making a bipartisan effort to preserve Pell Grants for low-income students by cutting back on subsidized loans for graduate students.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said until Congress finalizes a budget, it is hard to know what will happen to Pell Grants.

"It is my hope that federal lawmakers will see through the partisanship and realize that preserving Pell Grants not only helps students, but also is in the best interest of the U.S.," she said in an email.

At a time when the Texas Legislature has cut back on programs like TEXAS Grants, and the B-On-Time loan program, reducing Pell Grants would worsen the impact of cuts, Zaffirini said.

"Cuts to federal Pell Grant program would impact Texas negatively, especially because our state has so many low-income students," she said.

Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services, said the proposal would save the maximum amount of Pell Grants but eliminate subsidized loan programs for graduate students. These students will have more loans to pay off after school, he said.

At UT, about 4,000 to 5,000 graduate students take out subsidized and unsubsidized loans, Melecki said. Interest begins to accumulate on unsubsidized loans as soon as the loans are taken out, while students are still in school, he said.

"Some of the money graduate students can now borrow is subsidized," Melecki said.

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Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Jeff Kleen and his daughter Shantih browse through a selection of books at Treasure City Thrift Store on Sunday afternoon. All profits from Sunday's sales will be donated to the Inside Books Project, an organization that provides free books to Texas prisoners.

Non-profit gives books to inmates

By **Katrina Tollin**
Daily Texan Staff

A partnership between the Inside Books Project and a local thrift store is helping put more books in the hands of Texas prison inmates looking to entertain and educate themselves while incarcerated.

The project sends educational materials and books to men and women serving time in prison, jails or immigrant detention centers, and

receives about 800 requests a month. Last year the group mailed about 8,000 packages to inmates across Texas.

Their volunteers are staffing Treasure City Thrift Store on East Seventh Street every Sunday this summer, and the proceeds from that day's sales help offset the costs of Inside Books' work.

Prisoners ask for books on a range of subjects, including GED test preparation, novels and technical and trade manuals. Inside Books

representatives said dictionaries are the most frequently requested items.

"For a lot of people that's a starting point, just what words mean and how to spell them," said John Nation, a volunteer with Inside Books. "[The books] become their property, so they're able to use that at their own convenience to provide for their education or just to pass the time."

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New grants target study abroad in China

By **Syeda Hasan**
Daily Texan Staff

The Study Abroad Office will be awarding scholarships to send first-generation University students to China through a federal initiative to increase global networking.

The Coca-Cola Foundation is awarding \$150,000 to UT's Study Abroad Office to fund the scholarships as part of the 100,000 Strong Initiative, a program developed by the Obama administration to send 100,000 American students to study in China over the next four years. The initiative's goal is to maintain good re-

lations between the two countries and provide opportunities for underrepresented students to study in foreign countries.

Lori George Billingsley, vice president of Community Relations for Coca-Cola, said in a press release that expanding and globalizing education will support socioeconomic advancement.

"We support education and youth development organizations that teach young people about the countless opportunities they have to better their communities," Billingsley said. "Most importantly, we support programs that truly empower youth to go out and create positive change."

Cindy Dicello, a development specialist in the International Office, said the University chose to extend the opportunity to students who are the first in their families to attend college to make studying abroad more accessible.

"We have a study abroad scholarship already for first-generation college students, and we thought we could build upon that program to encourage some of the students to go to China through the Coca-Cola Foundation grant," Dicello said. "They may have the interest, but not the means to do so."

Students can choose from a

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Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Elisabeth Perez-Luna introduces an audio segment from the "Stories From Deep in the Heart" series Friday.

Student, teacher workshop preserves Texas folk stories

By **Allison Harris**
Daily Texan Staff

The sizzle of steak, the music of flutes, acoustic guitars and Judy Garland's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" echoed through the Mexican American Cultural Center when local teachers and students presented stories of folk traditions.

Eleven local teachers and four high school students presented the radio journalism reports they made during a week-long workshop sponsored by Texas Folklife, a non-profit dedicated to preserving and publicizing Texas cultural traditions. The stories shared Friday evening chron-

icled renowned fajita maker Sonny Falcon; the use of native plants in indigenous cultures at the Festival de Las Plantas; Aaron Allan, a DJ Hall of Fame member who wrote songs for many people including Willie Nelson; and the Georgetown Palace Theater.

Cristina Balli, associate director of Texas Folklife, said about 150 people in Austin and South Texas have participated in similar programs in the past three years, but this was the first time the organization offered a workshop during the summer. She said the workshops turn teachers

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This day was too short to laugh.

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“The government pays the interest while the student is in school and for the first six months after the student graduates.”

If graduate students only have the option of unsubsidized loans, they will be paying off more interest once they get out of school, Melecki said.

The proposal to eliminate subsidized loans is a bipartisan effort. The maximum amount in Pell Grants a student can receive in a year is \$5,500 — a loan that students don’t have to pay off. Eliminating subsidized loans is a better option in many ways, Melecki said.

Graduate Student Assembly President Manny Gonzalez said graduate students are expressing concern about removing subsidized loan programs.

“It will make graduate education that much pricier,” Gonzalez said.

He said many graduate students take out loans because they are not funded through

their programs. Eliminating subsidized loans will make it especially harder on out-of-state and international students to pay for their education, Gonzalez said.

“It’s really detrimental to maintaining a highly educated work force,” he said.

Beth Bokuski, a higher education administration graduate student, said she was able to pay off loans for her bachelor’s and master’s degrees but she had to take out more loans for her doctoral degree.

She said because she comes from a middle-class background, she doesn’t mind taking out loans because her parents are willing to help her pay them back. Students from low-income families might not have the same flexibility, she said.

“If you want an education, you’re going to have to take out loans,” Bokuski said. “It’s a hardship, but what are you going to do?”

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variety of academic programs to study and earn University credit in China, she said. According to the 100,000 Strong Initiative website, there are currently 10 times more Chinese students studying in the U.S. than Americans studying in China, and 600 times more Chinese study English than Americans study Mandarin.

“China is a country that President Obama and the State De-

partment think more students should be exposed to,” Dixelo said. “I think in this day and time, we want to produce globally competent citizens. In order to do that, you need to go out in the world and be exposed to different cultures, communities and experiences, and this is the perfect opportunity to gain that knowledge.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rod-

MATTRESS OF THE HEART



Nick Jones moves a mattress for his girlfriend in West Campus on Sunday afternoon.

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and students into field researchers for Texas Folklife.

“They live the culture day-in and day-out, so we give them the tools to document that culture and present it in a meaningful and engaging way,” Balli said. “They learn many new valuable skills they can apply in their jobs, and they have some experience to write on their college applications,” she said.

Elisabeth Perez-Luna, a lead instructor of the workshop and a radio producer, introduced the projects and showed two of her radio pieces.

Perez-Luna said she was impressed by the effort workshop participants gave to their projects from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day.

“They push themselves and they’re always thinking how to use the material they learned here for their own students,” she said.

LBJ High School English teacher Ashley Robinson said working on the story about Aaron Allan was challenging, but rewarding.

“Hearing yourself in an interview and on the mic, you really hear all those little tiny things you don’t realize you do or say that you should never have anybody else hear either,” Robinson said.

Mike Erickson, a culinary arts instructor at John B. Connally High School in Pflugerville, said working on the piece about Sonny Falcon will help him as he plans to make a Food Network-style TV show part of his classes next year.

“It was amazing to see how hard it was to go from nothing to the end, and also seeing how much journalists have liberty to kind of change things and how they put their own perspective into it,” Erickson said.

Federico Subervi, director of the Center for the Study of Latino Media and Markets at Texas State University, said he appreciated the diversity of participants in the workshops.

“It’s wonderful to see new and diverse voices producing folk stories,” Subervi said. “Good traditions are kept alive. It maintains our memories that otherwise would be broken.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

Program for graduate students to teach running of non-profits

A new portfolio program announced Thursday will teach graduate students how to manage museums, theaters, libraries and other non-profit cultural organizations.

The Portfolio Program in Arts and Cultural Management and Entrepreneurship, sponsored by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and the College of Fine Arts, is currently accepting applications for next semester. The program responds to the growth of non-profits in the U.S. in the past 25 years, said College of Fine Arts Dean Douglas Dempster.

“More and more students are finding employment opportunities in the non-profit sector, but that’s especially true in the arts,” Dempster said. “More municipalities, city governments are recognizing the importance of the arts and cultural activity to their regional economy and to tourism.”

Dempster said the program will prepare students for arts administration careers in a new way.

“Many of them found their way into arts administration and management, or even starting their own commercial businesses, without any training or education in that,” he said. “They had to teach themselves.”

Program Director Francie Ostrower said 33 faculty from 10 departments will teach in the program. Students in the program will take four of 41 approved courses, do 40 hours of work and participate in an annual training session and a student presentation event.

“These requirements are key to achieving the program goal of providing students with practical skills and hands-on training and experience,” Ostrower said in an email.

— Allison Harris

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Nation said many requests are from people looking for a specific title that is sometimes hard to find in their prison’s library. The organization also receives requests from people who have limited access to their prison’s library.

People in administrative segregation who may be in isolation 23 hours a day are likely to need reading material the most, Nation said. They are less likely to have regular library visits than the general prison population but still enjoy reading.

Lucy Kreutz, a 2003 radio-television-film alumna, has volunteered with Inside Books for a year and works at Treasure City on Sundays. Neither organization has any paid staff members.

Kreutz said revenue helps cover Inside Books’ costs so they can fill requests with books that supporters donate. The money mainly goes to covering the cost of postage to send the packages to the prisoners, which averages \$3 a package.

“It means so much to people,” Kreutz said. “These people just want anything. They are so grateful in their letters — they just really want books.”

Over the weekend, a short documentary about Inside Books won the Lights. Camera. Help. award for best short film. The film festival encourages other cause-driven non-profits to use film and video to share their stories.

Michele Deitch, a senior lecturer in criminal justice policy in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, said the Inside Books

Project provides a service the state doesn’t. Deitch said prison libraries often have limited collections, and prisoners may have a difficult time getting access to the library.

The significant amount of time prisoners have can be applied to educating themselves and preparing for life after prison, Deitch said.

“They can gain more insights into themselves and the reasons why they offended in the first place,” she said. “They can be helping to rehabilitate themselves.”

Deitch said education helps keep prisoners from committing crimes again after their release, and the investment made toward rehabilitation is lacking.

“We don’t invest in rehabilitation as much as we need to if we want to be a safer society,” Deitch said.

Jeff Kleen, a Portland, Ore., resident visiting Austin for the week came to shop at Treasure City Thrift after hearing the proceeds would be going to the Inside Books Project.

“Someone I know quite well is currently serving time, so I think that makes me particularly sensitive. What does he have access to and how does he utilize his time?” Kleen said. “So therefore, books and quality books are really important. I think as much access as he and others have could be so beneficial; if he’s missing out on a lot of life experience, he’s going to have to catch up or keep up or learn in different ways.”

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Reactions to debt-limit deal sour at political compromise

LOS ANGELES — From the right and center: mild disgust. From the left: outright anger.

Americans showed a range of emotions and responses to the debt-limit deal President Barack Obama and top leaders of Congress struck Sunday, but nearly none of them were positive. Except perhaps relief that it’s final or over.

Phil Waters, a 60-year-old helicopter mechanic sitting in a bar in Anchorage, Alaska, gave a common reply when he said “it never should have gotten this far out of hand.”

Waters, who called himself “an almost Libertarian conservative,” says he would have liked to see a lot more cuts.

But 35-year-old Kiran Mahto of Portland, Ore., who volunteered for Obama’s campaign in 2008, says the president’s concessions to Congressional Republicans went too far, and he is “actively opposed to this president now.”

— Associated Press

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Children fly kites in Gaza Strip in effort to break world record

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Gaza children sent a sea of colorful kites soaring into the sky Thursday in an attempt to break a world record.

Christopher Guinness, a spokesman for the U.N. agency that runs the camp that hosted the event in northwest Gaza, said the unofficial count stood at more than 13,000 children flying kites, which would break the previous world record of nearly 10,500 set earlier this year in China.

Earlier Thursday, vandals torched a stage, burned a U.N. flag and damaged a billboard at the camp. Guinness said nobody was hurt and he had no information on who vandalized the facility.

Similar attacks have taken place in the past at U.N. summer camps in Gaza, where boys and girls mix.

The damage was repaired in time for the Gaza children to make their attempt at breaking the record for the largest number of children flying kites.

California moves its primaries up to gain more national influence

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill to move California's presidential primary from February to June next year in a money-saving move for the state.

Brown signed AB80 on Friday. Consolidating the presidential and regular statewide primaries is expected to save the state about \$100 million.

California had tried to increase its political influence in 2008 by shifting the presidential primary to Super Tuesday. However, the shift cost state taxpayers about \$97 million.

Assemblyman Paul Fong, D-Cupertino, said his bill will increase voter turnout by reducing the number of statewide elections.

Several Republicans had suggested the presidential and regular primaries should be moved to March to give California more clout in the Republican nominating process.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports



Ahmad Omar | Associated Press

Activists carry candles during a vigil in support of the Syrian people in Beirut, Lebanon, on Sunday. Security forces in Syria killed more than 70 people Sunday to crush dissent ahead of Ramadan.

Syrian government cracks down before holy month of Ramadan

By Zeina Karam
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian security forces backed by tanks and snipers launched a ferocious assault Sunday on defiant cities and towns, killing at least 70 people and possibly many more as the regime raced to crush dissent ahead of Ramadan. Corpses littered the streets after a surge in violence that drew widespread international condemnation.

Estimates of the death toll ranged from around 75 people to nearly 140 on a day when the attacks began before dawn and witnesses said they were too frightened to collect corpses from the streets.

The worst carnage was in Hama,

a city with a history of defiance against 40 years of Assad family rule. Hospitals there were overwhelmed with bloodied casualties, suggesting the death toll could rise sharply, witnesses said.

Ramadan, which begins Monday, will present a critical test for the government, which has unleashed deadly firepower since March but still has not been able to put down the revolt. Daily demonstrations are expected to surge during the holy month, when crowds gather in mosques each evening after the dawn-to-dusk fast.

Though the violence has so far failed to blunt the protests, the Syrian government appears to be hop-

ing it can frighten people from taking to the streets during Ramadan.

By mid-morning, the city looked like a war zone, residents said. The crackle of gunfire and thud of tank shells echoed across the city, and clouds of black smoke drifted over rooftops.

An escalation in violence during Ramadan, a time of heightened religious fervor for devout Muslims, would bring a new dimension to the unrest in Syria, which has reached a stalemate in recent weeks. Assad's elite forces have waged nearly nonstop crackdowns around the country, but new protest hotbeds have emerged — taxing the already exhausted and overextended military.

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to say the agreement had been struck, then immediately began pitching the deal to his fractious rank and file.

"It isn't the greatest deal in the world, but it shows how much we've changed the terms of the debate in this town," he said on a conference call, according to GOP officials. He added the agreement was "all spending cuts. The White House bid to raise taxes has been shut down."

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, was non-committal. "I look forward to reviewing the legislation with my caucus to see what level of support we can provide," she said in a written statement.

No votes were scheduled in either house of Congress before Monday, to give rank and file lawmakers time to review the package. Senate approval seems virtually certain; the House could prove more difficult.

Without legislation in place by Tuesday, the Treasury would not be able to pay all its bills, raising the threat of a default that administration officials say could do catastrophic damage to the economy. If approved, though, a compro-

mise would presumably preserve America's sterling credit rating, reassure investors in financial markets across the globe and possibly reverse the losses that spread across Wall Street in recent days as the threat of a default grew.

Even word of an impending deal earlier in the day by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky sent U.S. stock futures upward. And before Obama had finished speaking, Japan's benchmark Nikkei index, opening Monday morning — at 8 p.m. Sunday on America's East Coast — was up 1.7 percent in early trading.

Pending final passage, the agreement marked a dramatic reach across party lines that played out over six months and several rounds of negotiating, interspersed by periods of intense partisanship.

Vice President Joe Biden, who played an important part in this weekend's negotiations, agreed. He tweeted: "Compromise makes a comeback."

Not everyone felt that way. "Someone has to say no. I will," said Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., a contender for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.



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President Barack Obama speaks from the White House briefing room Sunday about a deal being reached to raise the debt limit.

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QUOTES TO NOTE

“Our friends in New York ... passed a statute that said marriage can be between two people of the same sex. And you know what? That’s New York, and that’s their business, and that’s fine with me.”

— Gov. Rick Perry to GOP donors July 22 in Aspen, Colo., according to The Associated Press.

“Obviously, gay marriage is not fine with me. My stance hasn’t changed.”

— Perry on Thursday, clarifying his statement on New York’s passage of a bill that legalizes same-sex marriage, according to the Family Research Council, a Christian advocacy group.

“It is my hope that federal lawmakers will see through the partisanship and realize that preserving Pell Grants not only helps students but also is in the best interest of the U.S.”

— Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, to The Daily Texan in an email Friday.

“The state has reduced appropriations to institutions of higher education, which has resulted in tuition increases. Accordingly, cutting Pell Grants would make an already bad situation worse.”

— Zaffirini in the email.

“I’m committed to expanding opportunity wherever I can find it.”

— California Gov. Jerry Brown, after signing into law the first half of the California DREAM Act last week, according to the Los Angeles Times. The bill will allow undocumented students in California to access private financial aid.

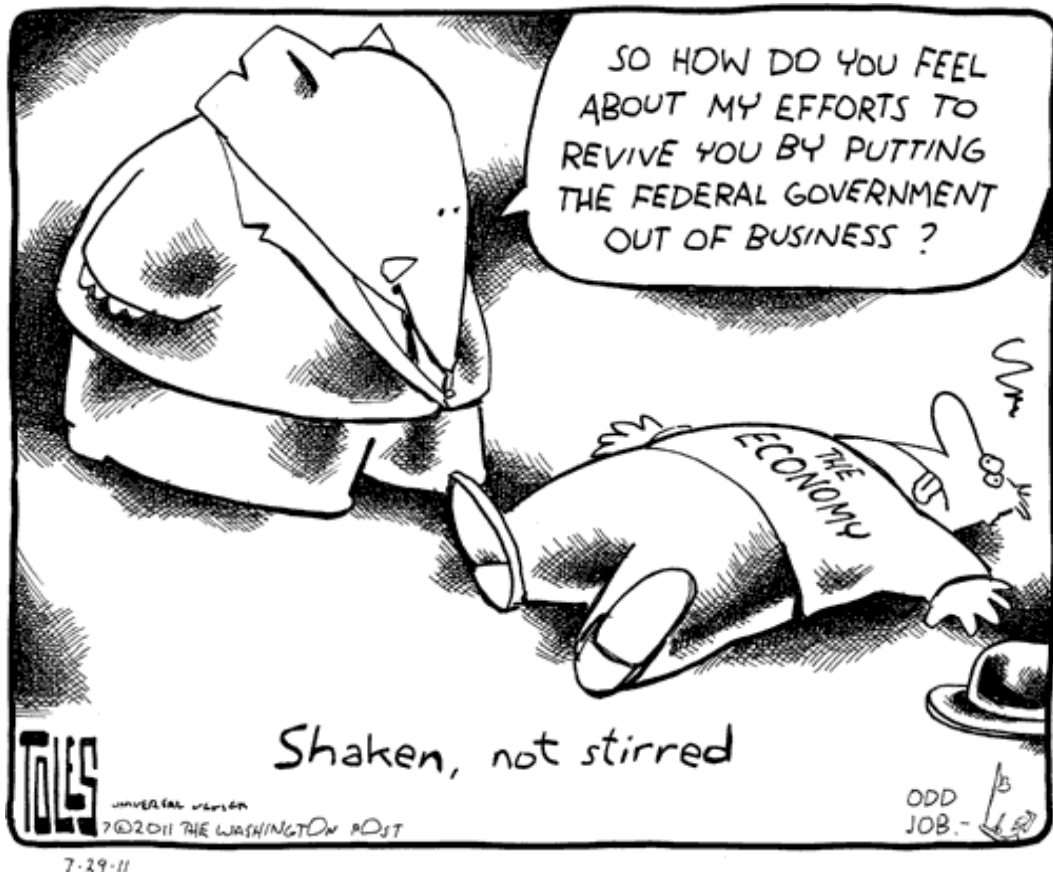
“It’s seen as a civil rights issue in the Latino community, especially for youth. The farmworkers’ struggle is not necessarily seen as what it once was. This is an issue of the now, an issue of the moment, part of the Latino agenda and part of the future.”

— Jaime A. Regalado, director of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs, remarking on the significance of the DREAM Act within the Latino community, according to the Los Angeles Times.

“We either have the rule of law or anarchy. There is no in between on that. We are very rigid on that point.”

— Carol Helm, director of Immigration Reform Oklahoma Now, a group which opposes the DREAM Act, according to the Tulsa World.

GALLERY



By Samian Quazi
Daily Texan Columnist

The State Board of Education unanimously voted on July 22 to approve supplemental school materials that upheld evolution in the middle school curriculum. To the dismay of creationists, the board rejected materials detailing so-called “alternatives to evolution” for public schools. Texas schoolchildren are now guaranteed a sound science curriculum for the rest of this decade.

The board, dominated by conservative Republicans and many evangelical Christians opposed to evolution, has been no stranger to controversy. It made national headlines early last year when it approved changes to the social studies, history and economics curricula that emphasized conservative political philosophies. Some of those changes included referring to the U.S. government as a “constitutional republic” in lieu of “democratic republic” and mandating the word “capitalism” in economics textbooks be changed to the more euphonious “free-enterprise system.”

Since Texas is the second-largest purchaser of textbooks and curriculum materials nationwide, national publishers often base their books’ content on the state’s standards. This gives the board disproportionate influence on education systems outside our state’s borders. And since the board’s decisions remain in effect for 10 years, any curriculum revisions would have a long-lasting effect.

It was thus particularly disquieting when the board in 2009 called on schools to examine “all sides” of evolution, a subtle nod to the theory’s opponents. Unlike the partisan-driven changes to social science and economics last year, any changes implying doubt toward the validity of evolution would have undermined the field of natural

sciences itself.

Evolution is the cornerstone of biology and its associated subfields in the natural sciences. It lends credence to botany’s remarkable developments in high-yield crops, spurring the Green Revolution and coloring modern debates on Monsanto’s bioengineered crops. It is interlaced with microbiology research, as our understanding on pathogenic evolution leads us to develop newer and stronger antibiotics. Barring evolution, no plausible scientific theory could account for the diversity of life forms.

This year, the board was asked to vote on a series of supplemental middle school materials casting doubt on evolution. Among the proposals was a set of materials submitted by International Databases, a New Mexico-based company, which claimed that life on earth came from “intelligent causes” and that evolution remained unproven. Additionally, the board’s new chairwoman is Barbara Cargill, an ultraconservative opponent of evolution and, ironically, a former biology teacher. Cargill has repeatedly emphasized that students should understand the “weaknesses” of evolution.

Public hearings on the issue were predictably contentious. Science teachers, professors and scientific advocacy groups urged the board to reject changes mandating they teach non-scientific theories alongside evolution. Creationists saw the vote as their best shot at introducing their critiques of evolution into a public school system. But a contentious knock-down drag-out fight between the board members failed to materialize, as they unanimously rejected materials criticizing evolution.

The board also approved mainstream science materials by publisher Holt McDougal that firmly upheld the validity of evolution. These materials will be given to students since the state could not afford to buy new textbooks this year due to budget cuts in ed-

ucation. Sadly, students will continue to use science textbooks that are several years old.

Certainly, many of the more religiously and politically conservative board members would not have hesitated to insert an anti-evolution line into our curriculum if given the opportunity. But because of a new majority of moderate Republicans on the board, who would likely have vetoed any changes and caused embarrassment to the hard-line members, the status quo on science education in Texas remains.

The creationist lobby has tried to portray evolution advocates as ideologically inflexible and unwilling to allow rational criticism whatsoever. But the alternative they bring to the table is simply not science. Creationism may be a compelling philosophy, but it utterly fails to provide an empirical framework in which theories of the natural world may be proven or disproven.

Creationists also claim to stake middle ground by stating that students should learn “both sides” in science classes. But this claim is astoundingly disingenuous since creationism is simply not science. Creationism (or its fraudulent euphemism, intelligent design) imparts no discoveries, no broader understanding of the natural world through tested means. It remains an untested and untestable attempt to demean evolution.

Woodrow Wilson once wrote, “Of course, like every other man of intelligence and education I do believe in organic evolution. It surprises me that at this late date such questions should be raised.”

That date was in 1922. Nearly 89 years later, Texas risked substantial embarrassment for trying to undermine one of science’s finest theories without any rational basis. The board made the right decision in preserving the substantiality of science education in our state.

Quazi is a nursing graduate student.

GALLERY



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Enforcer for Juarez Cartel arrested

By Adriana Gomez Licon
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A former police officer who allegedly admits ordering 1,500 killings during a campaign of terror as a drug gang chief-tain along the U.S. border has been captured in northern Mexico, federal officials said Sunday.

Jose Antonio Acosta Hernandez also is a suspect in last year's slaying of a U.S. consulate employee near a border crossing in Ciudad Juarez.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said through his Twitter account that Acosta's capture is "the biggest blow" to organized crime in Ciudad Juarez since he sent about 5,000 federal police to the city in April 2010 to try to curb violence in one of the world's most dangerous cities.

Acosta, 33, was caught Friday in the northern city of Chihuahua along with his bodyguard, said Ramon Pequeno, head of the federal police anti-drug unit. He did not specify how the capture happened. Acosta's arrest was not confirmed until Sunday, just before officials displayed him to the news media in Mexico City.

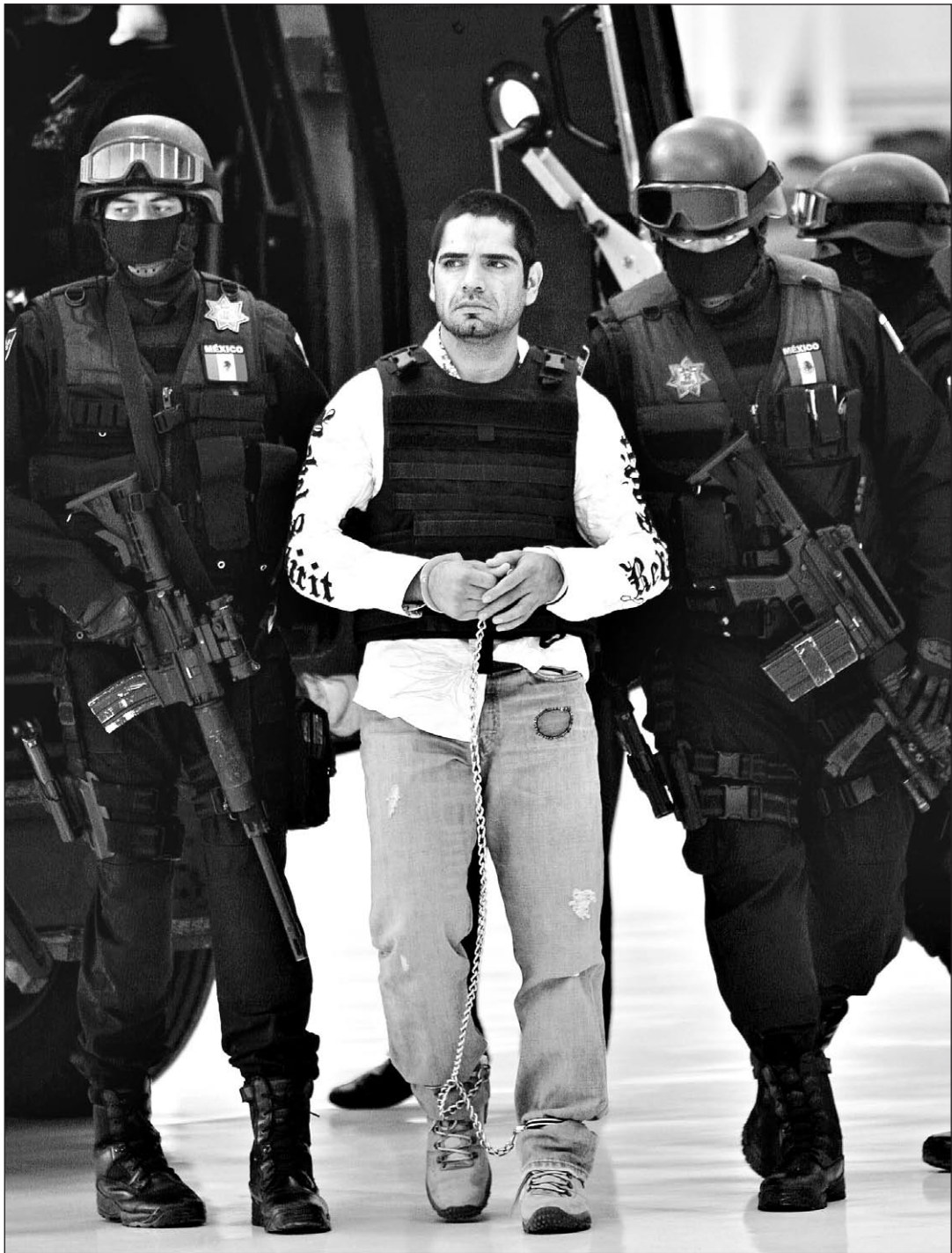
Wearing a long-sleeve dress shirt, the short man with a cleft chin and thick eyebrows limped as he was escorted by two masked federal police officers to stand before the cameras.

Pequeno said at the press conference that Acosta told federal police he ordered 1,500 killings.

U.S. prosecutors also want to try him in that case. A federal indictment filed in the western district of Texas says Acosta and nine others conspired to kill the three. Pequeno said he expects an extradition request from the U.S. government.

Mexican authorities have identified Acosta as head of La Linea, a gang of hit men and corrupt police officers who act as enforcers for the Juarez Cartel.

Acosta acknowledged he ordered the most notorious crimes such as the detonation of a July 2010 car



Marco Ugarte | Associated Press

Jose Antonio Acosta Hernandez, 33, is escorted by federal police officers in Mexico City on Sunday. According to federal officials, Acosta is a key drug cartel figure.

bomb and a massacre that killed 15 people, mostly teenagers, at a birthday party, both in Ciudad Juarez, Pequeno said.

A former state police officer, Acosta built a criminal empire, not only leading a gang of contract killers for the Juarez Cartel but also ex-

torting businesses and kidnapping for large ransoms, said Tony Payan, drug war expert at the University of Texas-El Paso.

New grant program to help give research practical applications

By Syeda Hasan
Daily Texan Staff

The National Science Foundation is seeking applications for a grant program that will push research into practical applications through commercialization.

Through the Innovation Corps program, the organization will award \$50,000 in research grants to 100 universities and help them establish partnerships with private companies to commercialize their developments. The foundation has not released its list of applicants, but it is accepting project proposals and will announce grant winners Sept. 30.

Subra Suresh, director of the National Science Foundation, said in a press release the Innovation Corps program will strengthen the national economy by supporting useful scientific discoveries.

"The United States has a long history of investing in and deploying technological advances derived from a foundation of basic research," Suresh said. "And the [National Science Foundation] mission connects advancing the nation's prosperity and welfare with our passionate pursuit of scientific knowledge."

Josh Chamot, foundation spokesman, said the Innovation Corps program will help the United States secure its position as a leader in scientific advancement.

"We take risks that others won't take, and there's a need to maintain that competitive leadership," Chamot said. "We need to keep that risk-taking approach, that effort to drive innovation, to develop ideas and entire new industries."

He said researchers must recognize and support discoveries that have real world uses to promote economic strength.

"We still are driven by our desire to support fundamental research," Chamot said. "That is our core mission, but we want to enable fundamental research to enter the entrepreneurial arena and to create a network and an environment that allows for innovation."

In addition to providing grants to the universities, the Innovation Corps will provide a network of mentors to coach researchers on how to make creative use of their discoveries, Chamot said.

"There are mentors from the entrepreneur community, from the investment community and others in academia who have created successful businesses," he said. "They mentor the grantees to help them train their research in a way that can turn it into an innovation through a product."

Chamot said the foundation hopes to find new applications for existing technologies as well as promote new discoveries through the program.

"Sometimes the results are very practical already, but they have not been explored for another area of research," he said. "This will help researchers make that conclusion and make that leap to get out there to an industry that could use their discoveries in a different way."

President William Powers Jr. said in a column in the Austin American-Statesman on June 7 that the University aims to provide a meaningful learning experience to students by supporting faculty research and innovation.

"At UT, we are very serious about increasing productivity in teaching, research, business operations and commercialization of intellectual property," Powers said. "In addition, we expect our faculty to conduct research to expand knowledge and benefit society."



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SINGLE REVIEWS

Latest song releases
give fans sneak peek
into coming albums

By Christopher Nguyen

Game, featuring Dr. Dre and
Snoop Dogg
“Drug Test”

Leaked from Game's long-awaited *The R.E.D. Album*, “Drug Test” doesn't hold back. Dr. Dre brings one of his signature pounding four-on-four clapping beats that ride the song. All the rappers on this track bring their A-game, hungry to have the strongest flow on the track. The chorus snarls and gets right in the face of listeners with lyrics such as “So let's get high off something, high off something, high off something.” “Drug Test” doesn't add much to the legacy of the rappers so much as cement them as makers of reliable rap songs.



Girls

“Vomit”

Even at its catchiest, Girls always had a tinge of bitterness and forlornness surrounding its songs. On “Vomit,” which will be released on the second album, *Father, Son, Holy Ghost*, Girls lets its sadness all hang out. Beginning with a slow, plucking guitar and lead singer Christopher Owens quivering to say, “Nights spent alone/Nights I spent looking for you,” the song continues to build to an epic anthem for finding love. The drums get heavier and the guitars start shredding as they build up to the surging chorus. “Vomit” ends with a pounding organ and gospel chorus as Owens makes an oddly triumphant plea to “Come into my heart, my love.”



Jay-Z and Kanye West

“Otis”

It's time to party like it's 2002. Off their forthcoming collaborative album, *Watch the Throne*, “Otis” is a pure throwback to *The Blueprint* and *The College Dropout*-era Kanye and H.O.V.A. West relishes in sampling Otis Redding's “Try a Little Tenderness,” taking the repeated phrase “you've got to” and the charged guitars and piano to make an unrelenting yet soulful beat. As for Jay-Z and West, they're back at their arrogant best. Jay-Z says, “I guess I got my swagger back, truth” before West responds with, “Damn Yeezy and Hov/Where the hell ya been?” “Otis” is a pure cut of prime rap unencumbered by emotions or by following current trends.



St. Vincent

“Surgeon”

Two years after her critically acclaimed second album, *Actor*, St. Vincent has released “Surgeon” as a preview of her third album, *Strange Mercy*. The song takes the listener on a hazy, surreal trip. The odd count of the drumbeats provides an unsettling rhythm to the melody in which the synthesizers groove and gibe. Annie Clark, the woman behind St. Vincent, coos intriguing lyrics: “Best find me a surgeon/Can't cut me open.” The song subtly seduces until the end of the track, when the synths let loose and pick up the pace for a chaotic finale. “Surgeon” is a surprisingly sexy and thrilling song from a woman who continues to surprise listeners.



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Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Joe Nicols went from being a speech pathologist to a full-time psychic around 25 years ago, and has worked to get rid of the stigma surrounding parapsychology. As part of his practice, Nicols reads palms, cards, clothing and jewelry but also acknowledges that everything holds some sort of meaning that he can interpret.

READING between the L I N E S

By Aaron West

Austin psychic battles stereotypes with paranormal professionalism

“I see California around you, but it's not going to work out,” the psychic says. “I get that there may be an opportunity to go to California, but you have to be careful, because it may not be what it's cracked out to be.”

Separated by a desk and artifacts with a decidedly exotic feel to them, guests extend their open palms before psychic Joe Nicols and listen to what he has to say — sometimes hearing what they don't want to know.

Behind Nicols, alongside books about palmistry, spiritualism and Roswell, is a crystal ball. Perhaps it's the plain-looking strip of offices the room is housed in, but despite the psychic decor, the visit can feel like a trip to a well-versed therapist. Dressed in a button down shirt and slacks, Nicols appears more like a professional counselor than a psychic and palm-reader.

“So stick ‘em out, lets see what we've got,” Nicols said.

Nicols, who holds The Austin Chronicle's 1991 title for “Best Psychic in Austin,” cuts the drama out of palm-reading and parapsychology — professions he acknowledged are surrounded by a social stigma. He only sees clients by appointment, and the crystal ball never leaves the bookshelf.

He attributes his professional style to his background as a speech pathologist and a desire to “demystify” what psychics do. He found-

ed the Central Texas Parapsychology Association in the late 1980s, which has since disbanded as parapsychology became more widely accepted. But the fundamentals behind the group — taking the “modern-day approach” to being a psychic and denouncing “woo-woo kind of mysterious, unfathomable” theatrics — live on in Nicols' practice.

“The idea is to not scare people,” Nicols said. “To tell people what you're going to do and how much you're going to charge and that's

other people's intentions.

Nicols' father was in the military and wasn't taken with his son's abnormal tendencies, so Nicols said he learned to keep his talents to himself. That changed when he went to college.

“I sort of popped open,” said Nicols, who has a master's in speech-language pathology from UT. “I was seeing things around people, having dreams that were kind of premonitional.”

Even after college, he still wasn't ready to fully commit himself to

his medical friends.

“They weren't into it, they didn't want to do this stuff. I call it coming out and being a full-time psychic,” he said. “I have a sister who's a born-again Christian and there are certain things that we elect not to talk about.”

Nicols said he takes everything into account in his work, regardless of how small or seemingly insignificant it is.

“Not jokingly even, I look at clouds, tea leaves, hair in the sink, bubbles in the toilet, cars that break down, body parts that don't work, the jet or the siren that goes by, license plates,” Nicols said. “Everything to me is meaningful.”

A majority of his predictions and insight are constructive and complimentary, or at least non-threatening. Nicols said he doesn't predict death or divorce. He tells his clients before the session starts that he won't diagnose illnesses, that he doesn't claim to be right all the time and that he won't tell them what to do with the information he gives them.

“I don't want to scare people,” Nicols said. “I want them to use their free will choice. I'll tell them what I see, and it's not 100 percent, but this is where I think the wind is blowing today. And of course, as you react to that you can change. I believe we can change the future. I think we have a tremendous amount of free will choice.”

“I'll tell them what I see, and it's not 100 percent, but this is where I think the wind is blowing today.”

—Joe Nicols, Psychic

what happens. You don't say ‘For another \$500 I'll take the spell off you.’ That was stuff that [the association] all agreed that we weren't into, that we didn't do. We were making it professional.”

Nicols has worked as a psychic for about 25 years, but he said he has been aware of his psychic abilities since he was a child growing up in a conservative home, where he experienced visions and had an uncanny knack for understanding

parapsychology. Nicols said for 20 years he felt like he was made up of two parts: the “in-the-closet” part that dabbled with metaphysical practices and the public side of him that was an officer in the army and emigrated to Australia with his family as a speech pathologist.

But after deciding that he had to do “what he's here to do” (be a full-time psychic and palm reader), Nicols said he had to give up a lot of

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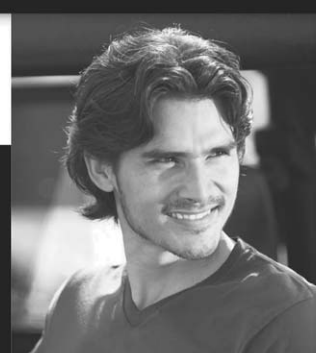


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15 Forearm bone

16 Parasite

17 Che Guevara or Lady Gaga

18 Desserts akin to cobbler

19 Allan-____ (Robin Hood compadre)

20 1990s runnings of the Bulls?

23 Practice boxing

24 General tendency

25 Manufacture

27 Kids' vehicles on tracks

30 Loud, as a crowd

31 Manual's intended reader

32 Excellent, in dated slang

33 _____la-la

36 Word after ginger or brown

37 Homemade music compilation ... or a hint to the circled letters

40 Charged particle

41 Implement you might wring

42 "You have no cobbler"

43 Leftover part

44 Sandwiches that may have sour cream and salsa

46 Wakens

49 Queen who financed Columbus, to the Spanish

51 Crazy as _____

52 Bawls

53 Some gymwear

58 Cutting-edge technology?

60 Aide: Abbr. "Hold your horses!"

62 Honor _____ thieves

63 Harness for oxen

64 Where sailors go

65 After-dinner candies

66 Bridge

67 Ball material for a cat

Down

1 Worms and such, to a fisherman

2 "That hurt!"

3 Stench

4 Application to improve a batter's grip

5 Bert or Ernie

6 Martians and Venusians

7 Work, as dough

8 Direction after Near, Middle or Far

9 Chicken _____ king

10 One end of the Suez Canal

11 Groups battling big government

12 Brilliance

13 _____ Khan ("The Jungle Book" tiger)

21 Mess up

22 Leftover part

26 Memorization

27 U.S. territory in W.W. II fighting

28 Norway's capital

29 Watch

30 "Eureka!"

32 School open house organizer: Abbr.

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| OIL | RUB | ETAT | FISHOIL |
| PENT | SOL | PONIES | |
| USH | OIL | SPILLS | LEK |
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| PETRI | OISE | ASSN | |
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34 Kennedy matriarch

35 Tidbits for aardvarks

37 Runners in lab mazes

38 Winners of some televised singing competitions

39 Deletes, with "out"

43 Escape

45 Not present

46 "Sarah Palin's" of 2010-11 TV

47 No-good

48 Alley-____

49 Ayatollah's faith

50 "Me too!"

51 "The Fox and the Grapes" storyteller

54 House _____ and Means Committee

55 Cape Canaveral org.

56 Level

57 Kyle and Kenny's friend on "South Park"

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SCOUTING THE TEXAS DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

Hicks, Cobbs among group of linebackers ready to shine

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

New defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Manny Diaz has a bevy of backers at his disposal, and this year's group may prove to be one of the most talented to roll through Texas in quite some time.

Last year as defensive coordinator at Mississippi State, Diaz's defense ranked 22nd in the nation in scoring defense and 17th in tackles for loss. That isn't a simple task in the SEC, and with the talent available at Texas, the entire defense should flourish under Diaz. Here's how his corps of linebackers stacks up.

Position Leader — Keenan Robinson

The outside linebacker burst onto the scene last year with an exceptional performance in the season opener against Rice. Robinson not only intercepted a pass in the first quarter of the game, but also scooped up a fumble and returned it for his first career touchdown, setting the tone for a breakout year. He fielded a team-leading 113 tackles, along with eight tackles for loss and two sacks in 2010. The senior from Plano has since moved to the inside linebacker position, a change fellow backer Emmanuel Acho is anxious to see in action.

Diaz watched some film and wanted to put Keenan in middle and me on the outside," said outside linebacker Emmanuel Acho. "I'm excited for it"

Blake Gideon, Safety



DE: Alex Okafor

DT: Kheeston Randall

DT: Calvin Howell

OLB: Emmanuel Acho

MLB: Keenan Robinson

OLB: Jordan Hicks

CB: Carrington Byndom

CB: Adrian Phillips

S: Blake Gideon

S: Kenny Vaccaro

Kheeston Randall, Defensive Tackle



Stock Rising — Jordan Hicks

After choosing to become a Longhorn rather than an Ohio State Buckeye, Hicks didn't quite live up to the hype surrounding him in his first year with the team. He recorded 23 tackles and a single sack in 12 games as a freshman. Hicks then suffered a broken right foot during spring practice and was forced to sit out the rest of the spring in order to heal. All signs point to him being back in action come Sept. 3 when the Longhorns host Rice in the season opener.

"He's healthy now, and I think he'll be one of the better linebackers in the conference," Acho said.

Top Backup — Demarco Cobbs

Cobbs was listed on the depth chart last year and played one game at safety. He also recorded five tackles on special teams. The sophomore put on some weight in the offseason, and the coaches felt he could make the most impact as an outside linebacker. He possesses a quickness on the field unmatched by many on either side of the ball. Having played at quarterback in high school in Tulsa, he has proven to be a playmaker and should grow into a great player over the next three years.

"After making the switch from safety, Demarco is probably the fastest linebacker in the nation," Acho said.

Most To Prove — Aaron Benson

Benson redshirted last year and gained valuable experience with the scout team. At 6-foot-2 and 230 pounds, he has the size to play at any of the three linebacker positions. It should be interesting to see how Diaz plans to play Benson; on blitz packages or as a run-stopper. Like many of the other linebackers, Benson was highly-touted coming out of Cedar Hill in 2010, and he should also make a name for himself this year.

Position Battle — Kendall Thompson vs. Steve Edmond

Both will vie for playing time behind the other talented linebackers this year. As freshmen, they still have to learn, but because everyone on defense is under new management with Diaz, the learning curve shouldn't be as steep for the pair. Edmond came into the program as the fourth-highest ranked inside linebacker in the nation and is an excellent run-stopper. Thompson is listed as an outside linebacker but could fill in at the inside position as well.



Jackson Jeffcoat, No. 44 above, lining up against Texas Tech in 2010. Jeffcoat suffered an ankle injury that caused him to miss four games last year, but has been deemed 'healthy' by head coach Mack Brown.

Secondary rebuilding after key losses

By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Staff

After losing its three best cornerbacks, the Texas secondary needs to rebuild somewhat. But a strange off-season trip by Duane Akina landed the accomplished defensive backs coach in Austin after a month-long stint in Arizona, and the Longhorns are now confident they can still field one of the conference's better pass defenses.

"Coach Akina coming back, that was crazy," said senior safety Blake Gideon. "He's a father figure to us, so it helps having the continuity"

Position leader — Blake Gideon

The senior from Leander is long removed from a star-crossed 2008 freshman season, when his 13 starts were overshadowed by a game-changing dropped interception in a loss at Texas Tech, the Longhorns' only loss that year. He learned from it and has become one of the top safeties in the country. He was named to the Thorpe Award watch list and a first team preseason All-Big 12 selection.

"That [Tech game] made me grow up quickly," he said. "Anytime you can go through some adversi-

ty and come out clean on the other side, it's going to make you a better person and player."

Stock Rising — Kenny Vaccaro

Two years of fantastic special teams play and one season of extended action has Vaccaro looking like the next special playmaker in the secondary. The junior hits like a junkyard dog and can play the pass just as well.

"Kenny is probably the best cover guy we have," Gideon said.

Most to Prove — Christian Scott

Scott had Texas fans excited in 2008 when, as a redshirt freshman, he saw action in each game. But he missed his sophomore season because of NCAA academic eligibility issues, and turned in a so-so season last year in his first as a starter. He made 53 tackles and forced two fumbles, but his pass defense was suspect with just one interception and one pass broken up. Entering his senior season, Scott has a chance to live up to the hype he generated three years ago, but he's going to have to fight for playing time.

Top Backup — Quandre Diggs

It looks like sophomores Carrington Byndom and Adrian Phillips, a former safety, will be the starters at cornerback this season, but that doesn't mean Diggs won't make an impact. The younger brother of former Longhorn cornerback Quentin Jammer, Diggs was an early enrollee last winter and made waves in the spring game with a pass breakup to go with the hardest hit of the afternoon. If he's anything like his brother, watch out.

Position Battle — Vaccaro vs. Scott

With Gideon firmly entrenched at free safety, and Byndom and Phillips on the corners barring a change, the starting job at strong safety is the only position truly up for grabs. Scott has experience on his side but isn't as instinctive or as complete a player as Vaccaro. If what the players had to say at Big 12 Media Days is any indication, it might be Vaccaro's job to lose.

"Kenny has been the defensive standout of the summer," said linebacker Emmanuel Acho. "He has looked really good."

Defensive linemen seek to wreak havoc in upcoming season

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Like the rest of the team, Texas' defensive line disappointed last season but should be greatly improved this year. Bo Davis comes from Alabama, where his front four played a significant role in the Crimson Tide's victory over the Longhorns in the national title game two seasons ago. He takes over a Texas defensive line that's prepared to improve on the 31 sacks and the 138.6 rushing yards per game it allowed last season. Here's a breakdown of Davis' defensive line.

Position Leader — Kheeston Randall

In the Longhorns' five wins last season, they gave up 69 rushing yards per game. In their seven losses, they surrendered a whopping 188. As Texas' run defense improves, their win-loss record will too. Randall, the lone senior defensive lineman, should be the focal point of a better Texas run defense. His contribution of 13 tackles for loss last season was second on the team only to All-American Sam Acho, and his 39 tackles were among the best of the Longhorn defensive tackles. Senior linebacker Emmanuel Acho summed it up when he said, "Kheeston [Randall] is one of the best in the nation."

Most to Prove — Taylor Bible

Bible was one of the most sought-after members of Texas' most recent recruiting class, but was somewhat overshadowed by fellow 2010 signees Jackson Jeffcoat and Jordan Hicks, especially after Bible redshirted last season. Now he's back, and the No. 2 defensive tackle spot is up for grabs. "Taylor is definitely coming along,

he's been putting in work in the weight room," Acho said.

Stock Rising — Jackson Jeffcoat

The majority of games are decided by whose quarterback performs the best, making essential those who can make a quarterback's life difficult. Regarded by many as the No. 1 defensive end prospect from the recruiting class of 2010, Jeffcoat recorded 15 tackles last season, six for loss during a freshman year that saw him miss four games after suffering an ankle injury. But head coach Mack Brown claims "Jackson's healthy," and Jeffcoat should be up to the challenge of assuming the role of a starter in 2011.

Top Backup — Desmond Jackson

There are plenty of other worthy names that could go here, but Jackson, also a highly regarded defensive tackle coming out of high school last season, seems poised to see playing time despite being a true freshman.

"Desmond is benching 455 pounds," Acho said. "He came in with a humble mind and was ready to work hard."

Position Battle — Calvin Howell vs. Ashton Dorsey

Randall is the defensive line's most reliable returner, but the question as to who will line up alongside him remains answered. Howell and Dorsey, both sophomores who recorded a pair of tackles last season, figure to be the two most likely candidates to break into the starting lineup.

"Right now, they need to separate themselves," Acho said. "I don't know if anybody has earned the No. 2 spot, so it'll be their job to do that in camp."

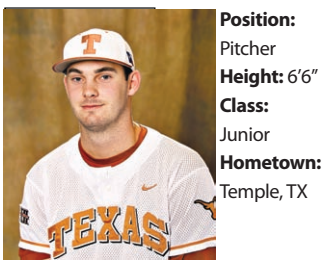
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Jungmann was named the 2010-2011 Big 12 Conference Athlete of the Year, becoming the first pitcher to win the award in its 15-year history. He threw the only complete-game shutout in the nation on the opening weekend of the season and was the lone pitcher nationally to pitch complete-game shutouts the first two starts of the season. He is the only player in the history of Texas baseball to accomplish these two feats. "It's quite an honor," Jungmann said. "There were a lot of great athletes at Texas this year so just to be the one chosen to represent the school was special. And to be named the Big 12 Athlete of the Year makes it that much better."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Former Horns agree to terms with NFL teams as free agents

Six former Longhorns signed free-agent deals with NFL teams this weekend. Offensive lineman Kyle Hix was signed by the New England Patriots, tight end Greg Smith was picked up by the Carolina Panthers, wide receiver John Chiles signed with the New Orleans Saints, punter John Gold and offensive lineman Michael Huey both signed deals with the Seattle Seahawks and wide receiver James Kirkendoll is now a member of the Tennessee Titans.

— Nick Cremona

Benson to stay in Cincinnati after signing one-year deal

Cedric Benson signed a one-year deal with the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday. The deal is reportedly worth three million dollars, with another two million available in incentives. Benson has rushed for over 1,000 yards in the past two seasons with the Bengals.

— Nick Cremona